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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. PASTOR).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
September 24, 2008.

I hereby appoint the Honorable ED PASTOR to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer: Lord God, because You are the Almighty, You move and act ceaselessly without hesitation. Congress and the Nation stand before You in need. Make of us what You will. Move and act within us for the common good of the Nation and all its citizens.

Relying on Your revelation throughout history, knowing the power of Your Word and Your saving grace, we stand in freedom and desirous of a greater union.

We lift the broken pieces of our covenant, knowing Your power to admonish and heal. We proclaim once again to all who would hear and understand, as we pray, "In God We Trust." Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Pledge of Allegiance will be led by the

gentleman from Washington (Mr. LARSEN).

Mr. LARSEN of Washington led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Ms. Curtis, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed without amendments bills of the House of the following titles:

H.R. 3068. An act to prohibit the award of contracts to provide guard services under the contract security guard program of the Federal Protective Service to a business concern that is owned, controlled, or operated by an individual who has been convicted of a felony.

H.R. 6984. An act to amend title 49, United States Code, to extend authorizations for the airport improvement program, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the funding and expenditure authority of the Airport and Airway Trust Fund, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the Senate has passed with an amendment in which the concurrence of the House is requested, a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 4120. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide for more effective prosecution of cases involving child pornography, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the Senate has passed bills and agreed to a concurrent resolution of the following titles in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 1255. An Act to protect Indian arts and crafts through the improvement of applicable criminal proceedings, and for other purposes.

S. 1382. An Act to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the establishment of an Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Registry.

S. 1810. An Act to amend the Public Health Service Act to increase the provision of sci-

entifically sound information and support services to patients receiving a positive test diagnosis for Down syndrome or other prenatally and postnatally diagnosed conditions.

S. 2816. An Act to provide for the appointment of the Chief Human Capital Officer of the Department of Homeland Security by the Secretary of Homeland Security.

S. 1932. An Act to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the poison center national toll-free number, national media campaign, and grant program to provide assistance for poison prevention, sustain the funding of poison centers, and enhance the public health of people of the United States.

S. 3328. An Act to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to provide for a one-year extension of other transaction authority.

S. Con Res. 101. Concurrent resolution honoring the University of Nebraska at Omaha for its 100 years of commitment to higher education.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to 15 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

CELEBRATING 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NORTH CASCADES NATIONAL PARK

(Mr. LARSEN of Washington asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. LARSEN of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the North Cascades National Park.

On October 2, 1968, President Johnson signed the North Cascades Act and 680,000 acres of peaks, glaciers, old growth forest and salmon-bearing streams were protected. North Cascades National Park became a reality thanks to the tireless efforts of local activists and bipartisan support from elected officials, including former Senator Henry Scoop Jackson, Representative Lloyd Meeds and Governor Daniel Evans.

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